BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL

LGOIMA Response – No Information Available on Comparative Analysis or Ratepayer-Impact Modelling

LGOIMA-2116 | Response dated / received July 2026

1. Purpose of this Note

This note records the formal response of Bay of Plenty Regional Council (Toi Moana) to LGOIMA request concerning consultant expenditure and comparative analysis of infrastructure protection options versus managed retreat or property acquisition pathways. It is prepared as a public-interest transparency record.

2. Request Summary

The request sought (in summary):

- Total expenditure on external consultants, advisors, or contractors for coastal hazard assessment, managed retreat, property acquisition, or climate adaptation planning from 1 July 2020, by financial year and major project.
- Any reports, briefings, technical assessments, or analysis prepared since 2020 comparing major infrastructure protection options versus managed retreat, property acquisition, or voluntary buyout pathways in the Bay of Plenty region.
- Any modelling or advice on the long-term impacts on ratepayers, property values, or council revenue from large-scale property acquisition or managed retreat in the region.

3. Key Formal Responses

3.1 Expenditure

Council released a breakdown of expenditure by project and financial year for coastal erosion hazard assessments (Western Bay, Tauranga Harbour, Whakatāne, Ōpōtiki), regional tsunami inundation hazard assessment, river scheme sustainability project, and climate change regional risk assessment. Totals by year were provided.

3.2 Comparative analysis

In response to the request for reports, briefings, technical assessments, or analysis comparing infrastructure protection options versus managed retreat / property acquisition / voluntary buyout pathways:

“No information available.”

3.3 Ratepayer and revenue impact modelling

In response to the request for modelling or advice on long-term impacts on ratepayers, property values, or council revenue from large-scale property acquisition or managed retreat:

“No information available.”

4. Significance

This response adds two further formal data points to the national pattern:

- Bay of Plenty Regional Council has stated that no information is available on comparative analysis of infrastructure protection versus managed retreat / property acquisition pathways.
- The same Council has stated that no information is available on modelling of long-term ratepayer, property-value, or council-revenue impacts from large-scale acquisition or managed retreat.

5. Source Document

Bay of Plenty Regional Council LGOIMA response, reference LGOIMA-2116, July 2026 (Adele Hadfield, Strategy and Planning Manager).

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